Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, April 17th, 1883.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held last night, His Worship Mayor Meredith presiding, and Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd and Becher in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Sarah Tweedie, Sarah Henry, A. K. Milburne, Jane B. Adams. Kobert Coote and Elizabeth Currie, asking remission of taxes for 1882. No. 1.

From J. W. Pope and others, asking for the erection of a street lamp opposite the Second Baptist Church on Horton street. No. 3.

From John Beaton, Frank Whetter, J. K. Clare and Wm. Bell, applying for appointment as tax collector.

From F. M. Bell-Smith, asking for the use of the City Hall on the 14th and 15th of May for the holding of a concert by the Philharmonic Society. Granted.

From A. Isaacs, Clerk of London East, asking the appointment of a Committee by the City Council to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from London East, in making repairs on Adelaide street. No 2.

From George Cox, asking to be allowed to grade Oxford street, under the direction of the City Engineer, in front of three cottages now in course of erection No. 2.

From the City Solicitor, stating that the case of A. Wallace vs. the city had been decided in favor of the latter. Fyled.

From H. H. Judd, for permission to place two land rollers on the Market Square opposite his store in Masonic Temple. No. 3.

From C. McCallum and others, against exempting Harris' flats from the effects of the firearms by-law. No. 3.

From J. B. Smyth, asking that street scrapings be placed on the Exhibition grounds for use on the horse ring. No. 2, with power.

From the Eureka Base Ball Club, asking for the use of a portion of the Exhibition Grounds for a play ground. No. 2, with power.

From John Ware, asking that Regent street be placed in proper repair, and offering to bear part of the expense. No. 2.

From J. M. Denton and others, against the construction of a sewer on Horton street, east of Colborne street. No. 2.

From Stephen O'Meara, asking permission to move a frame house. Granted.

ELECTING A COLLECTOR.

The applications for the office of Collector were voted upon and resulted in the election of Mr. J. K. Clare, who received 7 votes.

A by-law was read three times and passed, confirming the appointment of Mr. Clare.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Ald. Birrell moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that as there was no official communication that the chairman of the Water Commissioners had resigned, the election of a successor be laid over till the next meeting of the Council.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that as His Worship has intimated that a vacancy has occurred on the Water Commission that the election be proceeded with.

The motion was carried and the matter laid over.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That the petition of George Shuft and O'Mara Bros. be referred to the Engineer to report on; (2) that the petition of G. H. Ruddell and Geo. Gray, drivers of the Fire Department, asking for an increase of pay, be granted by increasing of the salaries to $500 per annum, and that no further petition of salary during the current year be entertained; (3) that Fire Department accounts amounting to $41.85 be paid; (4) that the Chairman of this Committee with the Chief of the Fire Department, be authorized to purchase ten new bed ticks for use of the Fire Department; (5) that the London Gas Light Company be instructed to replace lamp-posts lately broken on the north side of Queen's avenue, Talbot and Richmond streets; (6) that the London Gas Light Company's account, amounting to $1,860.22, be paid; (7) your Committee beg to report having called for tenders for street watering, and have much pleasure in recommending the following for your acceptance, the tender of H. M. Douglas at $1,099 for the whole; (8) that relief accounts amounting to $848.63; (9) your Committee regret having to report to the Council the inefficient manner in which the office of Relief Inspector has been filled of late by the present occupant, and would recommend a change being made at once; (10) that the following Hospital accounts be paid, $873.26; (11) your Committee would recommend that the services of the Relief Inspector be devoted to the Board of Health for the summer months from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock daily; (12) that the tender of the Plummer Wagon and General Manufacturing Company for the building of an ambulance wagon for the sum of $350 be accepted, subject to plans and specifications, and be approved of by the Chairman, the City Engineer and Dr. Wilkinson.

The report was taken up clause by clause. First clause adopted.

Ald. Hunt moved the adoption of the second clause.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the clause be adopted with the addition that Mr. Oliver Richardson receive an advance of $20, and that Mr. Aikens' salary be $530.

The clause was considered in Committee of the Whole, His Worship in the chair.

Ald. Becher drew attention to the rapid increase being made in the expenditure of the various city departments, and expressed the opinion that two cents on the dollar would not meet the outlay. He moved that the clause in the report be struck out.

The clause was adopted, and was so reported to the Council.

All the clauses up to the ninth were passed without discussion.

Ald. Boyd favored the reference of the clause back to No. 3, and moved to that effect.

Ald. Hunt moved, in amendment, that the matter be referred to the Special Committee.

The amendment was carried, and the report adopted as amended.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne (Chairman) presented the following report:—(1) That the accounts, amounting to $37.34, be paid; (2) that the petitions of R. A. Bayly and W. Y. Brunton be granted; (3) that the sum of $125 be placed to the credit of your Committee for a lawn mower for Victoria Park; (4) that your Committee having duly considered the question of ridding our public thoroughfares from what they consider a nuisance according to by-law sec. 50, page 33, and sec. 131, page 51, would respectfully request His Worship the Mayor, as the representative of the Police Commissioners, to have the said sections of the by-laws carried out by the police force; (5) that a request from the Board of Education, through the Chairman of Number Two Committee, for a few loads of street scrapings, was granted; (6) that the following tenders be accepted:—Asphalt and concrete, Wm. Cathro; delivering broken stone, H M. Douglas; gravel and paving stone, Wm. Anthistle; paving, Chas. Ware; lumber, Ferguson Bros.; nails, Jas. Wright & Co.; (7) tenders for a gravel pit have been received from Rev. Father Tiernan and Chas. Bricklin, and your Committee beg leave to report progress.

The report was taken up clause by clause, and the first five clauses passed without discussion.

On the 6th clause Ald. O'Meara moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the tender for gravel be accepted at the pleasure of the Council. Carried.

The tender for paving was referred back to the Committee, and the remainder of the report was passed and adopted.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman (Chairman), reported from No. 1 Committee as follows:—(1) that accounts amounting to $3,051.27 be paid; (2) that the petition of Mrs. E. A. Colvelle for remission of interest on arrears of taxes be granted by allowing a reduction of one-half the amount of interest charged; (3) that the petition of Mrs. Jane Bugler for remission of taxes for 1882 be granted; (4) your Committee beg to report progress in Mrs. Mackay's and Maria Hillier's petitions; (5) your Committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for March; (6) your Committee beg to submit a by-law relating to the new issue of debentures.

The report was, on motion, adopted, and a by-law was introduced, read three times and passed, authorizing the issue of $175,000 of debentures to pay off the floating debt of the city, to run thirty years, with interest at 5 per cent.

WITHDRAWN.

Ald. Browne withdrew his notice of motion in reference to exempting Harris' flats from the operation of the fire-arms by-law.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Ald. Stringer.—That the necessary steps be taken to extend the boundaries of the city as follows:—From Huron street northward to the river, eastward to Adelaide street and westward to the river, and that No. 2 Committee be instructed to carry out the wishes of the Council so that an act may be passed at the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature.

Adjourned for one week.